

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Comments:

Sidewall fire sprinkler heads
and potential obstructions
based on NFPA 13 (2007)
8.7 and 8.8

Question: Can sidewall sprinkler heads be used in conjunction with privacy
curtains in health care occupancies?

Response: Yes.

Sidewall sprinklers may be used in Light Hazard Occupancies containing privacy curtains. Privacy curtains that are supported by fabric mesh on a ceiling track and have 1/2 inch diagonal mesh or openings in the mesh equal to 70 percent or greater that extends a minimum of 22 in. from the ceiling shall not be considered obstructions and are acceptable.

This interpretation applies to all new and existing privacy curtains in all health care occupancies. Previously approved privacy curtains that are hung 18 inches down from the ceiling are permitted to remain in use.

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